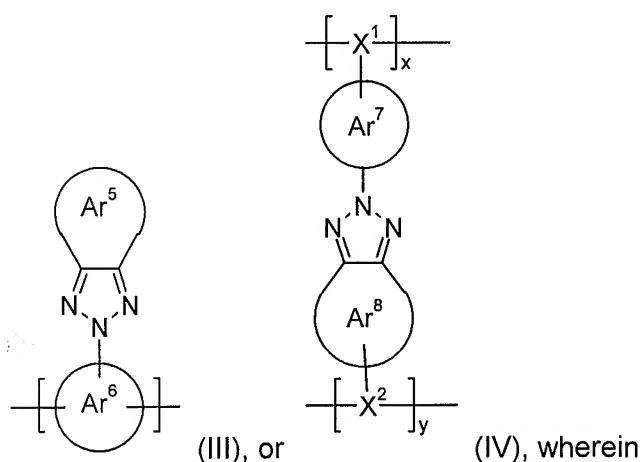
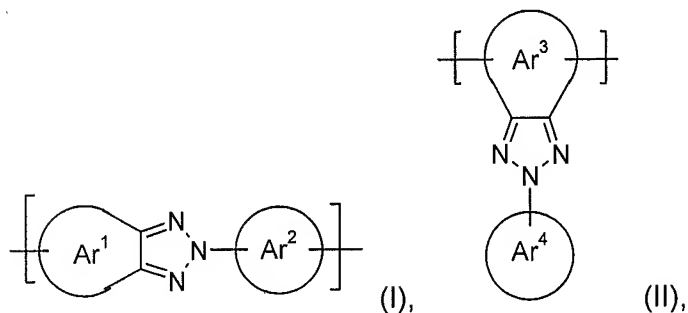


In the claims:

1. (previously presented) A polymer comprising a repeating unit of the formula

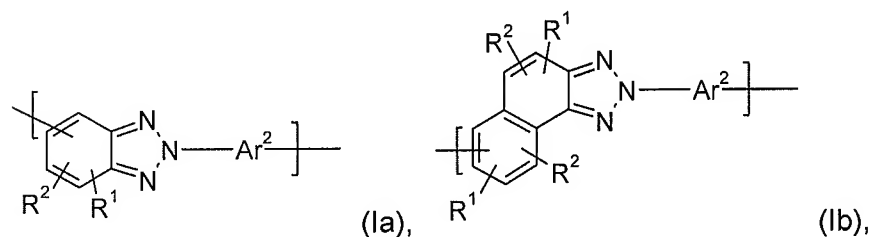


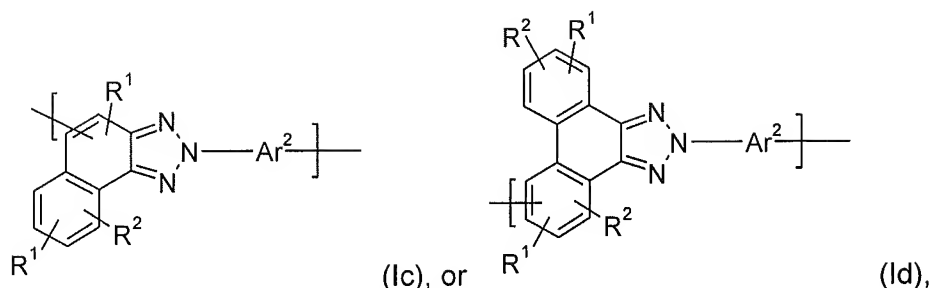
x and y are independently of each other 0 or 1,

X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a divalent linking group,

Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, Ar<sup>3</sup>, Ar<sup>4</sup>, Ar<sup>5</sup>, Ar<sup>6</sup>, Ar<sup>7</sup> and Ar<sup>8</sup> are independently of each other an aryl group, or a heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

2. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 1, comprising a repeating unit of the formula

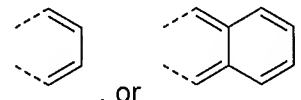




wherein  $Ar^2$  is as defined in claim 1,

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently of each other H, halogen,  $SO_3^-$ ,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_1-C_{18}$ perfluoroalkyl,  $C_6-C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6-C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2-C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2-C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2-C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2-C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_7-C_{25}$ aralkyl, or  $-CO-R^{28}$ ,

or two substituents  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , which are adjacent to each other, are a group



D is  $-CO-$ ;  $-COO-$ ;  $-S-$ ;  $-SO-$ ;  $-SO_2-$ ;  $-O-$ ;  $-NR^{25}-$ ;  $-SiR^{30}R^{31}-$ ;  $-POR^{32}-$ ;  $-CR^{23}=CR^{24}-$ ; or  $-C\equiv C-$ ; and

E is  $-OR^{29}$ ;  $-SR^{29}$ ;  $-NR^{25}R^{26}$ ;  $-COR^{28}$ ;  $-COOR^{27}$ ;  $-CONR^{25}R^{26}$ ;  $-CN$ ;  $-OCOOR^{27}$ ; or halogen; G is E, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, wherein

$R^{23}$ ,  $R^{24}$ ,  $R^{25}$  and  $R^{26}$  are independently of each other H;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ; or

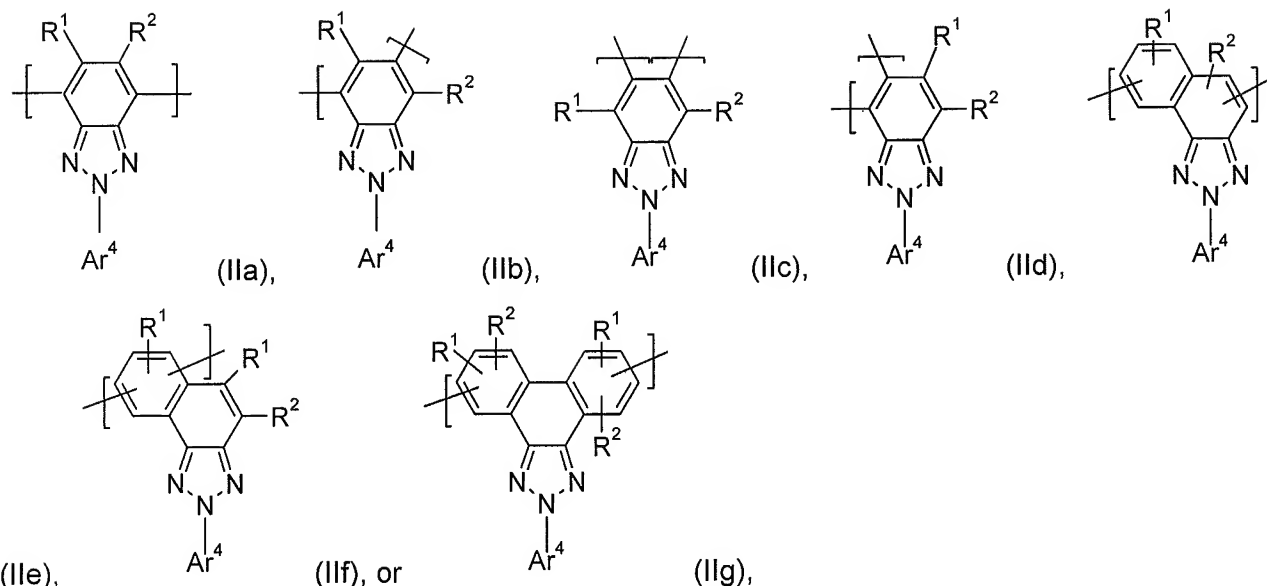
$R^{25}$  and  $R^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{28}$  are independently of each other H;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ,

$R^{29}$  is H;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ,

$R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  are independently of each other  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl, or  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, and

$R^{32}$  is  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl, or  $C_6-C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl.

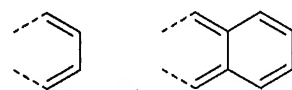
**3. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 1, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



wherein  $\text{Ar}^4$  is as defined in claim 1,

$\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are independently of each other H, halogen,  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ perfluoroalkyl,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}$ aryl,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{18}$ alkenyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{18}$ alkynyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{25}$ aralkyl, or  $-\text{CO}-\text{R}^{28}$ ,

or two substituents  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$ , which are adjacent to each other, are a group



D is  $-\text{CO}-$ ;  $-\text{COO}-$ ;  $-\text{S}-$ ;  $-\text{SO}-$ ;  $-\text{SO}_2-$ ;  $-\text{O}-$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{25}-$ ;  $-\text{SiR}^{30}\text{R}^{31}-$ ;  $-\text{POR}^{32}-$ ;  $-\text{CR}^{23}=\text{CR}^{24}-$ ; or  $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ ; and E is  $-\text{OR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{SR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{COR}^{28}$ ;  $-\text{COOR}^{27}$ ;  $-\text{CONR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{CN}$ ;  $-\text{OCOOR}^{27}$ ; or halogen; G is E, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl, wherein

$\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{R}^{24}$ ,  $\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ; or

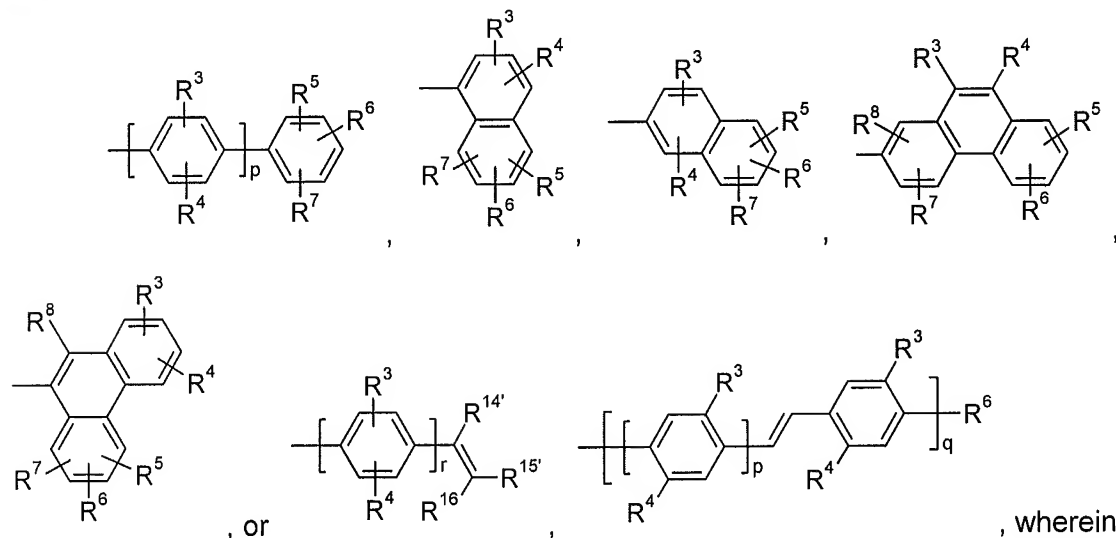
$\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $\text{R}^{27}$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ,

$\text{R}^{29}$  is H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ,

$\text{R}^{30}$  and  $\text{R}^{31}$  are independently of each other  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl, or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl, and

$\text{R}^{32}$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl, or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl.

4. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 3, wherein Ar<sup>4</sup> is a group of formula



p is an integer from 1 to 10,

q is an integer from 1 to 10,

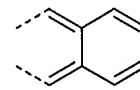
r is an integer of 0 to 10,

R<sup>3</sup> to R<sup>8</sup> are independently of each other H, halogen, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>, or

two substituents R<sup>3</sup> to R<sup>8</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group



, or



, and

R<sup>14'</sup> and R<sup>15'</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G,

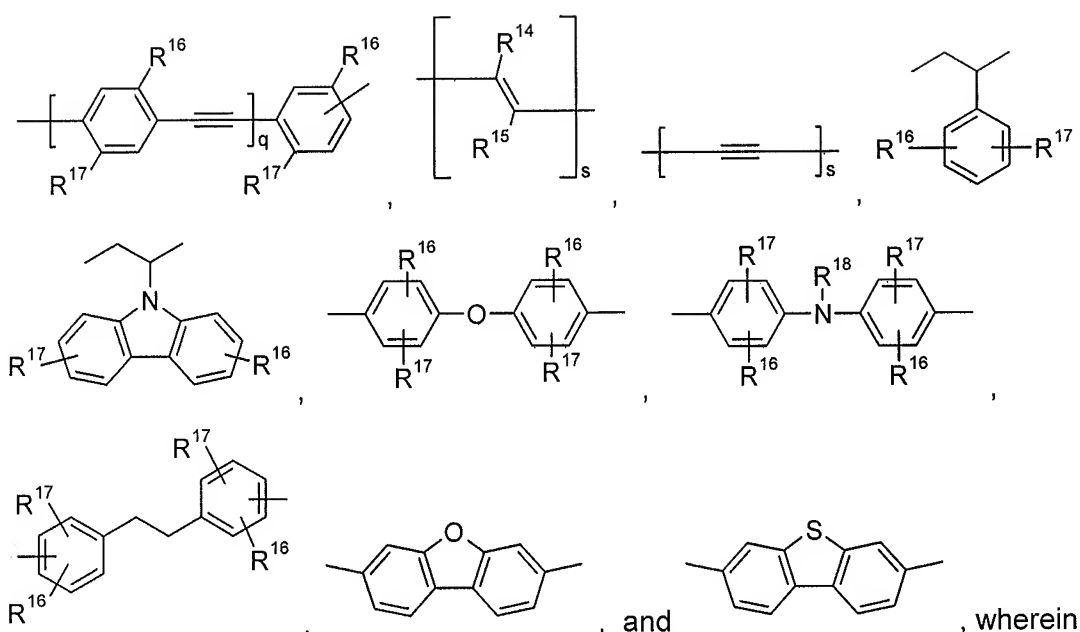
R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, which optionally can be substituted, wherein

D is -CO-, -COO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NR<sup>25</sup>-, -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-, -POR<sup>32</sup>-, -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-, or -C≡C-; and

E is -OR<sup>29</sup>-, -SR<sup>29</sup>-, -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>-, -COR<sup>28</sup>-, -COOR<sup>27</sup>-, -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>-, -CN-, -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>-, or halogen; G is E, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, wherein

R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-; or





p is an integer from 1 to 10,

q is an integer from 1 to 10,

s is an integer from 1 to 10,

$R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G, or  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,

$R^{16}$  and  $R^{17}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl, or  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_7$ - $C_{25}$ aralkyl, or  $-CO-R^{28}$ ,

$R^{18}$  is H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ;

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are independently of each other  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or  $C_7$ - $C_{25}$ aralkyl, or

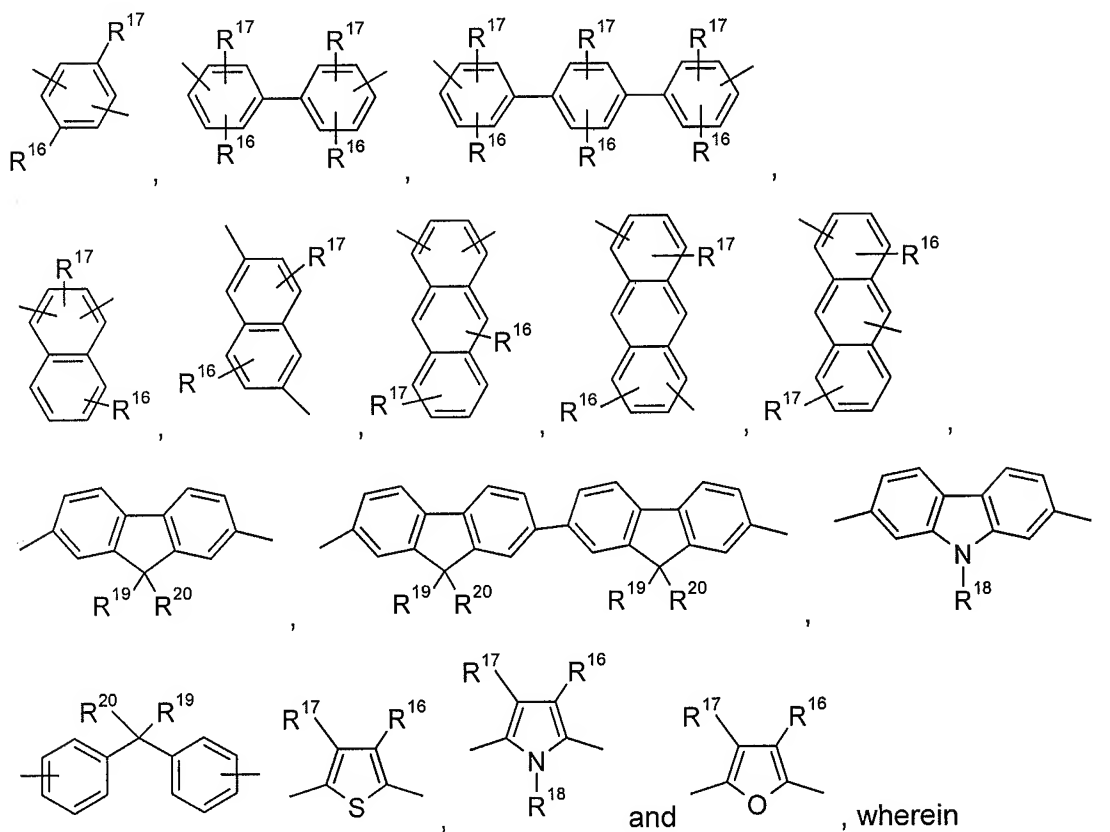
$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  together form a group of formula  $=CR^{100}R^{101}$ , wherein

$R^{100}$  and  $R^{101}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl, or  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G, or

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  form a ring, which can optionally be substituted, and

D, E and G are as defined in claim 2.

**6. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 5, wherein T is selected from the group consisting of

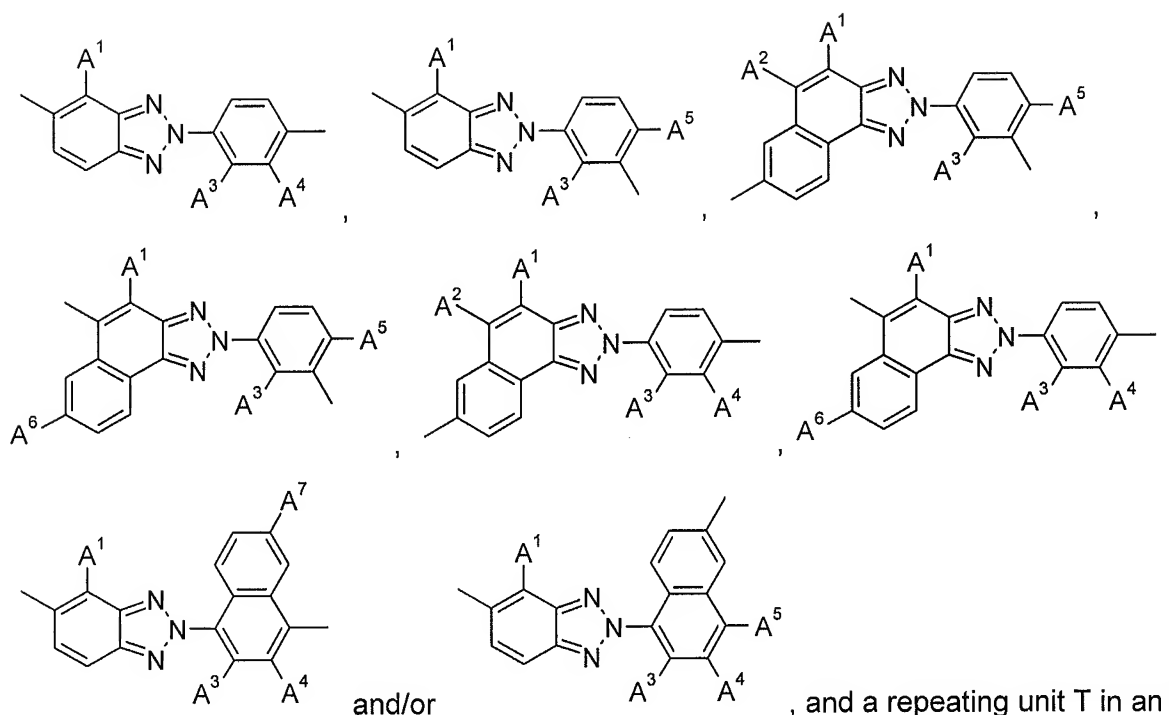


$R^{18}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, and

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are independently of each other  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, especially  $C_4$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, or

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  form a five or six membered carbocyclic ring, which optionally can be substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl.

**7. (currently amended)** A polymer according claim 5 [[ 1]], comprising a repeating unit of the formula



, and a repeating unit T in an amount of 0

up to 99.5 mol%, wherein the sum of the repeating unit(s) and the co-monomer is 100 mol%, wherein

A<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

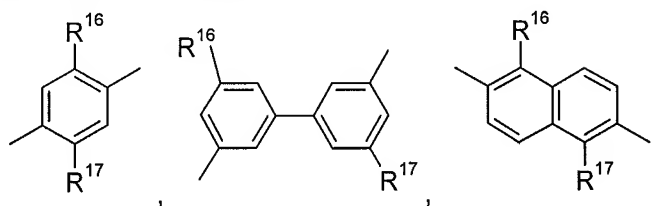
A<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl)amino, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy,

A<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, and

T is a group of formula



or , wherein s is one or two, R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-

C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, which can be

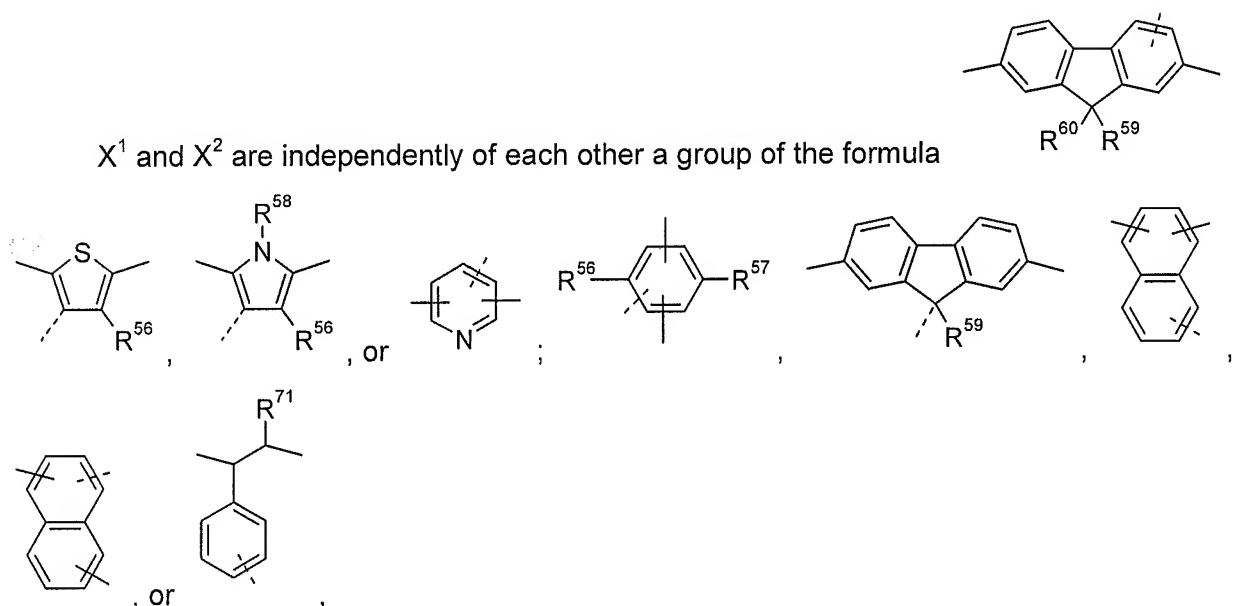
interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms

and R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms.



**8. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 5 **[[1]]**, comprising a repeating unit of the formula IV wherein

Ar<sup>7</sup>, Ar<sup>8</sup> and are independently of each other a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>aryl group, or a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>26</sub>heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted,



wherein the dotted line represent the bond to the benzotriazole unit,

R<sup>56</sup> and R<sup>57</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl,

R<sup>58</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl,

R<sup>59</sup> and R<sup>60</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or

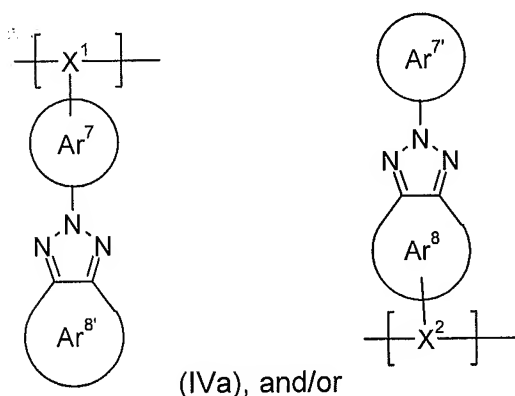
R<sup>59</sup> and R<sup>60</sup> form a ring, which can optionally be substituted,

R<sup>71</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, -C≡N, -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup> or -COOR<sup>27</sup>,

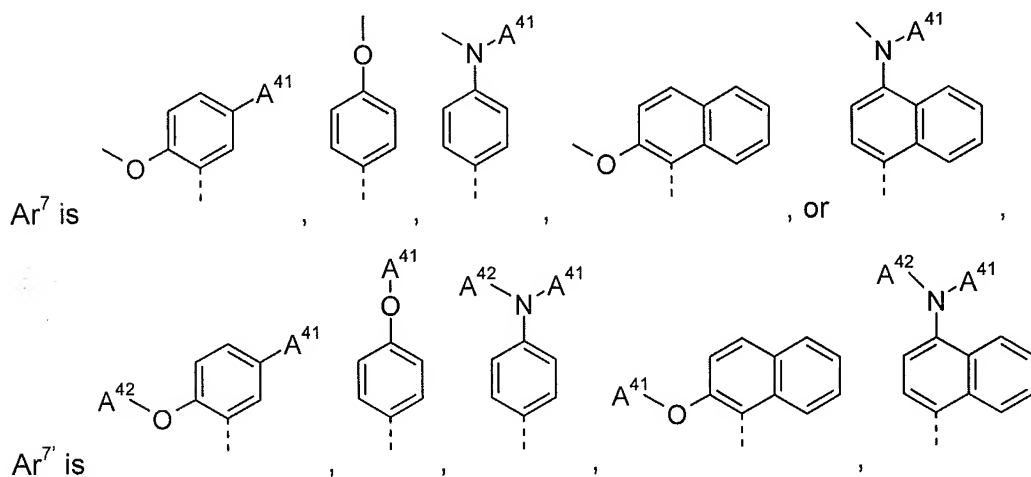
D is -CO-; -COO-; -OCOO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and

E is  $-\text{OR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{SR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{COR}^{28}$ ;  $-\text{COOR}^{27}$ ;  $-\text{CONR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{CN}$ ;  $-\text{OCOOR}^{27}$ ; or halogen; G is E, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , wherein  $\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{R}^{24}$ ,  $\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ; or  $\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $\text{R}^{27}$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ , and  $\text{R}^{29}$  is H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $\text{R}^{30}$  and  $\text{R}^{31}$  are independently of each other  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , and  $\text{R}^{32}$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ .

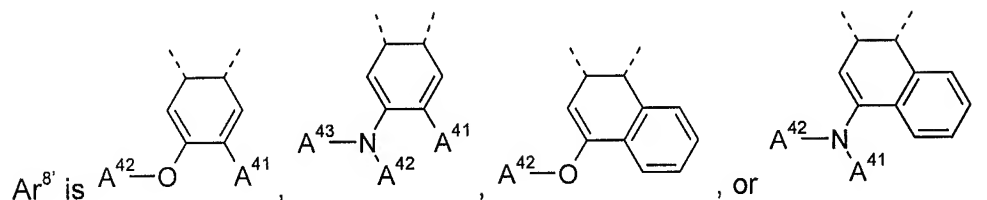
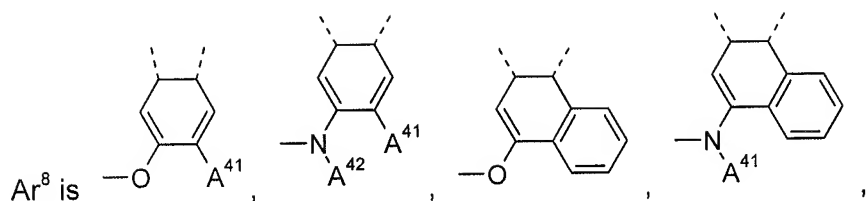
9. (currently amended) A polymer according to claim 8, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



mol%, wherein the sum of the repeating unit(s) and the co-monomer is 100 mol%, wherein



wherein the dotted line is the bond to the nitrogen atom of the benzotriazole unit,



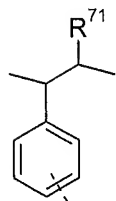
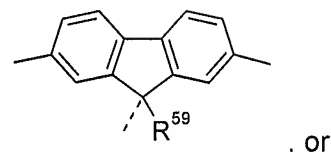
wherein the dotted lines are the bonds to the nitrogen atoms of the benzotriazole unit,

A<sup>41</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>42</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

A<sup>43</sup> is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

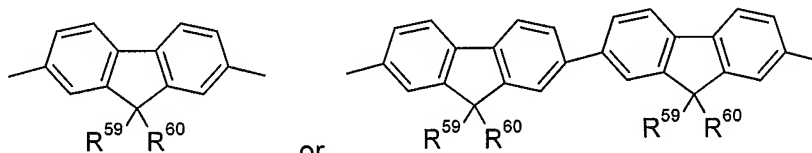
X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other a group of the formula



, wherein the dotted line represent the bond to the benzotriazole unit,

R<sup>71</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, -C≡N, or -COOR<sup>27</sup>, wherein

R<sup>27</sup> is H; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, and



T is a group of formula

and R<sup>60</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms.

**10. (currently amended)** An optical device or a component therefore, comprising a substrate and a polymer according to claim 5. [[1.]]

**11. (original)** An optical device according to claim 10, wherein the optical device comprises an electroluminescent device.

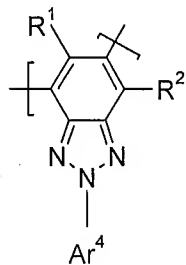
**12. (currently amended)** An optical device according to claim 11, wherein the electroluminescent device comprises

- (a) a reflective or transmissive anode
- (b) a reflective or transmissive cathode
- (c) an emissive layer comprising **[[a]]** ~~the polymer according to claim 1~~ located between the electrodes, and optionally
- (d) a charge injecting layer for injecting positive charge carriers, and
- (e) a charge injecting layer for injecting negative charge carriers.

**13. (cancelled).**

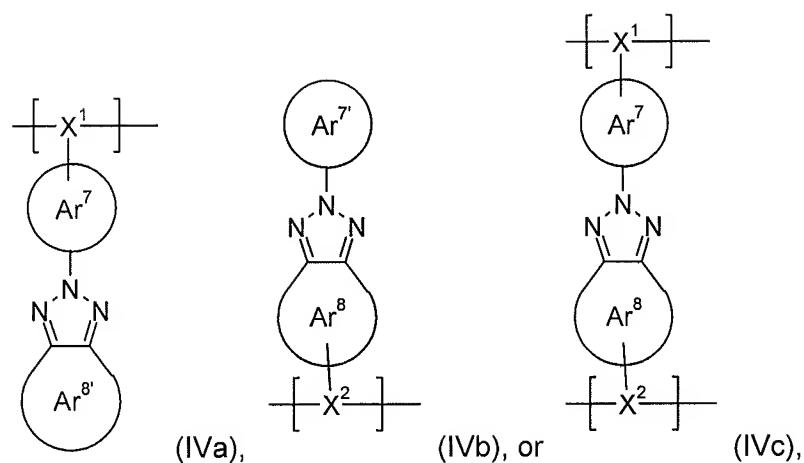
**14. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 1, wherein  $Ar^1$ ,  $Ar^2$ ,  $Ar^3$ ,  $Ar^4$ ,  $Ar^5$ ,  $Ar^6$ ,  $Ar^7$  and  $Ar^8$  are independently of each other a  $C_6$ - $C_{30}$ aryl group which can optionally be substituted, or a  $C_2$ - $C_{26}$ heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

**15. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 3, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



**[[15]] 16. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 4, wherein p is 1, 2 or 3, q is 1, 2 or 3 and r is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

**17. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 8, wherein the a repeating unit of the formula IV is selected from formula IVa, IVb and IVc

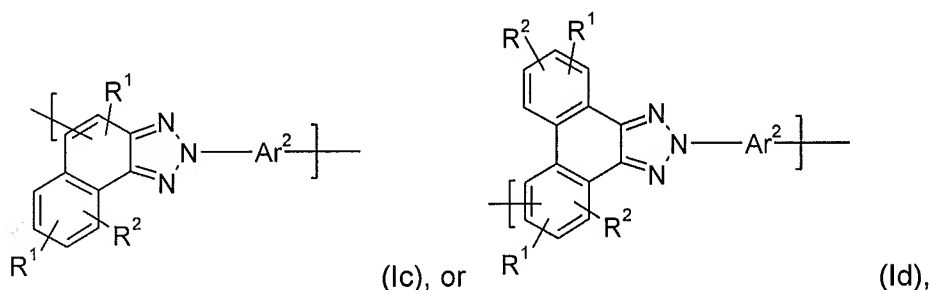
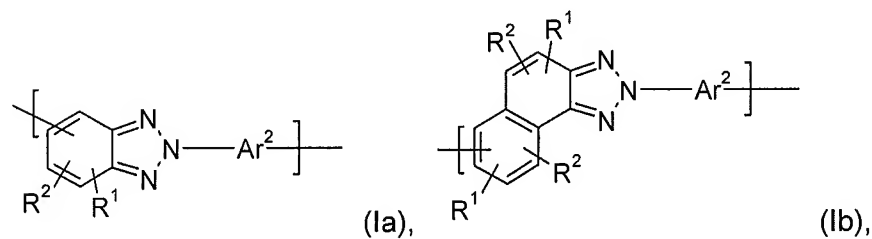


wherein

$Ar^7$ ,  $Ar^8$  and  $Ar^{8'}$  are independently of each other a  $C_6$ - $C_{30}$ aryl group, or a  $C_2$ - $C_{26}$ heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

**18. (cancelled).**

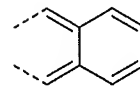
**19. (new)** A polymer according to claim 5, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



wherein  $Ar^2$  is as defined in claim 1,

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently of each other H, halogen,  $SO_3^-$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ perfluoroalkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2$ - $C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ -

C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>,



or two substituents R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group , or ,  
D is -CO-; -COO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and  
E is -OR<sup>29</sup>; -SR<sup>29</sup>; -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -COR<sup>28</sup>; -COOR<sup>27</sup>; -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -CN; -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>; or halogen; G is E, or  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, wherein

R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-; or

R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> together form a five or six membered ring, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are independently of each other H;  
C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl  
which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>29</sup> is H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>30</sup> and R<sup>31</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted  
by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, and

R<sup>32</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl.